

**5670. Misbranding of "Garfield Tea." U. S. \* \* \* v. Garfield Tea Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 7618. I. S. No. 17787-k.)**

On October 13, 1916, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Garfield Tea Co., a corporation, Brooklyn, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about February 8, 1915, from the State of New York into the State of Oregon, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Garfield Tea," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it consisted essentially of senna leaf and triticum, a small amount of malva flowers and fruits, and mint stems; also traces of unidentified plant tissue and a small amount of a substance resembling manna.

It was alleged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that certain statements appearing on the label of its package falsely and fraudulently represented it to be effective for the prevention of rheumatism, consumption, dropsy, scrofula, and blood diseases, and for the further reason that certain statements included in the booklet accompanying the article falsely and fraudulently represented it as a cure for piles, and as a remedy for rheumatism, dropsy, tumors, cancer, blood diseases, kidney disease, and for painful and suppressed menstruation, and as an efficient remedy for all cases of female troubles, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On January 13, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*